

Application No. 09/100,799
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REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in the application; the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-9 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 10 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,774,601 to Mahmoodi (“Mahmoodi”).

Claims 11 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mahmoodi in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,793,379 to Lapidous (“Lapidous”).

Claims 12-14, and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,466,263 B1 to Suzuki (“Suzuki”) (stated in the Office Action as Mahmoodi) in view of Lapidous, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,990,949 to Haruki (“Haruki”).

Claims 15, 42, and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,734,427 to Hayashi (“Hayashi”).

Claims 16-38 are allowed.

Claims 10 and 39 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Prior Art Rejections

Amended claim 10 recites, *inter alia*, “a recorder for recording image data transferred from said imaging device into a specified memory card” and an interpolating portion that executes “a first interpolation when displaying by the display unit ... [and] a second interpolation different from the first interpolation when recording to the memory card”. It is respectfully submitted that Mahmoodi fails to disclose a recorder for recording

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to a memory card or an interpolator that interpolates the image data differently depending on whether the image data is to be displayed or stored. Mahmoodi fails to disclose all elements of claim 10. Accordingly, amended claim 10 distinguishes over Mahmoodi.

Claims 11-15 and 42 depend from claim 10 and, therefore, distinguish over Mahmoodi for at least the same reasons as provided above regarding claim 10. Lapidous, Suzuki, and Haruki fail to teach the features missing from Mahmoodi. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that claims 11-15 and 42 distinguish over any combination of Mahmoodi, Lapidous, Suzuki, and Haruki.

Claim 39 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, “executing a varied interpolating process depending on whether the captured image is to be displayed or recorded on the memory card.” That is, a different interpolation process is used depending on whether the image data is displayed or stored on a memory card. As provided above in respect of claim 10, it is respectfully submitted that this feature of claim 39 is not disclosed, taught, or otherwise suggested by Mahmoodi. Accordingly, Mahmoodi is distinguished by amended claim 39.

Claims 40, 41, and 43 depend from claim 39 and, therefore, distinguish over Mahmoodi for at least the same reasons as provided regarding claim 39. Lapidous, Suzuki, and Haruki fail to disclose, teach, or suggest the features missing from Mahmoodi. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that claims 40, 41, and 43 distinguish over any combination of Mahmoodi, Lapidous, Suzuki, and Haruki.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the prior art rejections of claims 10-15 and 39-43 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, does not increase the total number of claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type of claims is currently due. However, if a fee, other than the issue fee, is due, please charge this fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

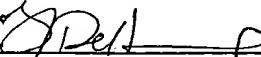
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